



Illinois Valley Central HS Band Boosters Newsletter
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DECEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER

This newsletter will be divided into two main sections, a parent information corner and student information corner. Please take a moment to read this important information so we can become an amazing family.

PARENT INFORMATION CORNER: OUR NEXT MEETING

Our next booster meeting will be on **Tuesday, January 13, 2014 at 7:15 pm** in the IVC Band Room. These meetings are quite important. Topics for discussion include our up coming trip and future plans and goals of the organization as well as our fall season.

SMALL BAND TRIP TO THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE IN CHICAGO

Since we had to cancel the trip to Indianapolis, we are asking you as parents to consider a reduced priced trip to Chicago on May 23 & 24. It would be a two day trip with one night stay in a Chicago area hotel. We are looking into making this trip just as exciting as Indy, with great experiences for all. We would need to know if this is something that the majority of the students would be willing to do. We will post a letter on Charms explaining the components of the trip before we vote as a booster program. We know that the cost will be drastically lower than the Indianapolis trip. We really would like your immediate input so we can continue to plan. Those that had already made payments for the Indy trip can still have your accounts credited for this trip if we decide to attend. The itinerary is available for viewing on www.ivcbands.com – We plan to ask you through Charms if your band member is now intending to join us. Thank you for your patience and continued support.

KROGER GIFT CARDS

Kroger has extended reloading the cards through Tuesday, December 30th. With the new Kroger gas station opening, you can build up free money quickly while you spend it at the pump. They can be used all over the country and can be given to anyone; neighbors, family members or friends in honor of your student from anywhere in the USA! They can be reloaded and again, anyone can raise money fast for our program. If you would like more information regarding Kroger cards, please contact Kathy Crank at 309.696.9550. After December 30th, all funds will be given to the band organization.

AMAZON SMILE.COM

Here is a very easy way for those of you who shop Amazon to earn money for our band. Please consider when making purchases from Amazon that you go to smile.amazon.com and select I V C Band Boosters as your charitable organization. 0.5% of your purchase price will be given back to the band booster organization. You must put the spaces in I V C for it to find our organization or just search by Chillicothe, IL and select us from the list of charities.

PAYPAL OPTIONS

We are now, for your convenience, offering the option to use PayPal as a way to use a credit card to deposit monies into your member's band account or if you know someone that would like to donate to the band that do not live in the area. Visit our website, www.ivcbands.com and look for the PayPal logo and follow the instructions.

GET READY, TALENT SHOW IS A' COMIN'

Do you have a talent and want to share it with us? Perhaps you just need the courage to get up on stage and have some fun. Maybe even create an unusual ditty. This event's date has been set for Friday, February 6th, 2015. All jazz bands flute/clarinet choir and winter drum line will be performing. Both the Choir and Band Boosters are co-sponsoring this event. We would love to have some adults show us their great talents! The admission cost is \$5 per person.

IRELAND SISTER CITY BAND VISITS PEORIA/CHILLICOTHE

Peoria's sister city youth band from Clonmel, Ireland is visiting the United States next July 1-7, 2015. They are in need of host families that have time, space, some meals, bedding and adequate transportation for those visiting. If you are interested in hosting members of their youth band, please contact Terry and Kathy Tate 309-698-7049. No overextending financial obligations are required outside the normal hosting experience.

CIVIC CENTER FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

IVC band parents have the opportunity to earn money for their band student's account by working at a concession stand during events in downtown Peoria. A handful of parents worked at the recent Michigan-Bradley game and they were swamped! This is a moneymaker that can accumulate funds for you very quickly. These parents made around \$500, which was split between those that worked. That is huge for the Peoria Civic Center! Please contact Alanda Hunt @ 309.258.1648 if you would like to help. We have several parents willing to help as managers so we can continue to raise monies for future band camp fees.

TRIVIA NIGHT – PLEASE CONSIDER IT – IT'S FUN

This event's date is being finalized with a set up time starting at 5pm and the trivia beginning around 6 pm. This year's theme is *Reality TV Shows*. Deb Stoecker is our chairperson again. Deb would love some creative ideas and some assistance. Please consider getting involved. It is a fun way to spend an evening with other adults. You must be 21+ to attend. The cost is \$10 per person or \$80 for a table. If your business is interested in obtaining a table, please let us know. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Bringing snacks for the people at your table is highly encouraged. Awards given for Best Dressed and Best Table Design. Of course, all of the questions and the in-between games are all done in great fun!

STUDENT INFORMATION CORNER

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2015 ILMEA ALL-STATE JAZZ/CHOIR MEMBERS

The following students will be spending a weekend making amazing music in their respective ILMEA jazz bands/choirs in late January at the ILMEA convention. These students were selected as the elite musicians after countless hours of practice throughout the summer and fall months. We are very proud of their accomplishments and appreciate their talents as fine musicians in our state!

Alexis Humphreys, Curtis DeBacker, Katie McGrath - Chorus Ria Greer - Jazz Choir Zach Lew - Jazz band

2014 FRESH/SOPH BRADLEY HONOR BAND

Congratulations to John Offutt (alto saxophone), Shyann Etnier (trumpet), Cody Moore (trumpet) and Jonah Brabant (trombone) for being selected as members of the 2014 Freshman/Sophomore Bradley Honor Band this semester. They performed a wonderful concert on the campus of Bradley University. We are extremely proud of their accomplishments!

MOSSVILLE AND CEC GRADE SCHOOL PERFORMANCES

The Mossville Christmas concert will be held on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 and the CEC Christmas concert will be held on December 17, 2014 both starting at 6:30 pm.

FLUTE CHOIR/CLARINET CHOIR/BRASS QUINTET REHEARSALS

We have begun rehearsals on Thursdays, (January 8th, 15th/22nd) (January 29th is cancelled) from 6 pm to 7:15 pm. One woodwind group will be with Mr. Chapman and the other will be with our new student teacher, Miss Taylor Pillischafske. Brass Quintet will be held on Friday right after school on Friday, January 9th, 16th and 23rd. (Cancelled 30th)

JAZZ BAND SEASON CONTINUES

The Jazz season is upon us. We have begun rehearsals and will run through February. We have several gigs in January/February including our annual trip to Chicago – Rolling Meadows in late February. (2/27-2/28 or 2/28 – 3/1 depending on the schedule). The cost will include transportation and hotel room fee which will be between \$80 - \$100. We will know in late December the cost of the trip so you will have two months to budget. We will do our best to find the best rates on all fronts.

Jazz One Ensemble: Monday evenings from 7- 9 pm

Jazz Two Ensemble: Monday after school from 2:45 – 4 pm
 Jazz Three Ensemble: Tuesday after school from 2:45 – 4pm

BASKETBALL PEP BAND GAMES

Concert and wind ensemble members must attend and will be graded.

2015 – Concert and Wind Ensemble members will participate as well as any volunteers that want to sit in

01/10/15	Saturday	Mahomet-Seymour	Call 6:30pm	Game 7:30 pm
01/13/15	Tuesday	Olympia	Call 6:00pm	Game 7:00 pm
01/16/15	Friday	Normal U-High	Call 6:00pm	Game 7:00 pm
01/27/15	Tuesday	Pontiac	Call 6:00pm	Game 7:00 pm
01/30/15	Friday	Prairie Central	Call 6:30pm	Game 7:30 pm
02/21/15	Saturday	Galesburg	Call 6:00pm	Game 7:00 pm

SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST

For those interested in this event, the date has been set for March 6th at Mossville Grade School. We will have judges at the grade school for high school only events. Please let Mr. Chapman know if you are participating in this event. If you are performing a solo, please contact a pianist for your accompanist. **Go for it! I double dog dare you to do it!** All choirs will be performing.

Upcoming Events (tentative)

December 13 – 14	Madrigal Dinner – Call 4:30 pm	(Recorders / Brass participating)
January 10 (Sat)	Pep Band – All band members	Call 6:30 pm Game time – 7:30 pm
January 13 (Tues)	Pep Band – All band members	Call 6:00 pm Game time – 7:00 pm
January 16 (Fri)	Pep Band – All band members	Call 6:00 pm Game time – 7:00 pm
January 24 (Sat)	Illinois Wesleyan University Jazz Fest	Jazz I, II and III - TBA
January 27 (Tues)	Pep Band – All band members	Call 6:00 pm Game time – 7:00 pm
January 29 – 31	ILMEA All State convention	Peoria, Illinois
January 30 (Fri)	Pep Band – All band members	Call 6:30 pm Game time – 7:30 pm
February 6 (Fri)	IVC Talent Show – IVC Auditorium	Jazz bands – 7:00 pm
February 14 (Sat)	Dunlap Jazz Festival (morning)	Jazz I, II and III – TBA
February 21 (Sat)	Pep Band – All band members	Call 6:00 pm Game time – 7:00 pm
February 21 (Sat)	Winter Drum line Competition	
February 24 (Tues)	Bradley Jazz Festival – During day	Jazz I and II only – TBA
February 28/Mar 1	Rolling Meadows Jazz Festival	Jazz I, II and III – TBA – Cost \$80 - \$100
March 6 (Fri)	Solo and Ensemble Contest	Early Evening – Mossville JH
March 15 (Sun)	Winter Band Concert – IVC HS	Call 12:30 pm – Performance 2:00 pm
March 21 (Sat)	Winter Drum line Competition	
March 29 (Wed)	District Jazz Night	IVC Commons Jazz I, II and III
April 30 (Wed)	Spring Band Awards Concert	Pork Chop Dinner – 5:00 pm/7:30 pm
May 23 – 24	Memorial Day Parade – Chicago	TBA
May 26-29 (Tues-Fri)	Memorial Day Marching Band Camp	5 – 9 pm
June 2, 9, 16	Tuesday Marching Band Rehearsals	5 – 9 pm
June 13 (Sat)	Chillicothe Zorro Parade	Line Up – 10:30 am Start 11 am
July 27–31 (Mon-Fri)	2015 Marching Band Pre – Camp	5 – 9 pm (Parent Preview – Fri 6pm)
August 2- 7 (Sun-Fri)	Allerton Park Band Camp	Depart at 9AM – Arrive 3:30 PM
August 9 (Sun)	Band Bash – Tim and Shelly’s	Downtown Chillicothe – 11 am – 4 pm

MR. C's COMMENTS

I would also like to congratulate all the ILMEA, ILMEA All-state members and Bradley Honor band participants. We had so many make it again this year! Those students work hard work all year long. Way to go! Thanks for representing IVC at the state music levels.

Our jazz/indoor band/small group rehearsal schedule is currently in full swing. It is requested that students make every effort to participate in those rehearsals. They are vital to our success and it is extremely hard to work musical technique when members are not participating.

Please look at the schedule on our web site, www.ivcbands.com. This winter season is crammed with great experiences for all of us. We look forward to seeing you at these future events and thank you for your continued support. Let's make some great memories!

Remember, our journey continues. Concert band, pep band, the jazz season are approaching quickly. We still need so many hands to make our future successful. Please do not leave our program for eight months. We need you!

Lastly, I would like to thank all of you for your time, dedication and passion for our band program. I hope you and your family have a safe and relaxing Christmas break! See you in 2015!